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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shilin Chen
Serial No.: 10/766,228
Filing Date: January 26, 2004
Group Art Unit: 2128
Confirmation No. 2924
Title: **FORCE-BALANCED ROLLER-CONE BITS, SYSTEMS,
DRILLING METHODS, AND DESIGN METHODS**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt was received May 4, 2004. Applicant previously filed a Request for Status on February 3, 2006. Applicant is currently awaiting a first Office Action.

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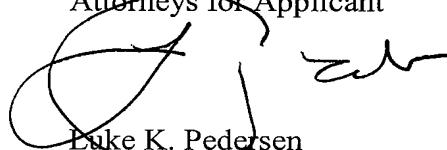
REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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